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Police Offer Reward in School Destruction Case
*Investigation Reveals Suspect had Knowledge
of Bulldozer Operation*

Howard County Police are continuing to investigate a December 29 incident involving the destruction of property at Bellows Spring Elementary School in Ellicott City. Police are offering a reward of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for driving a bulldozer through the school construction site.

The suspect(s) also knocked over three construction trailers in addition to driving the bulldozer through the brick walls of the school. Once inside the school, which was about 60 percent complete at the time of the incident, the suspect(s) drove the bulldozer through three classroom pods, causing extensive damage.

Investigators now believe that the suspect(s) had knowledge of how to operate a bulldozer. It is possible that the suspect(s) may have a background in construction.

Anyone with information is urged to call Detective Thomas Rukamp at 410-313-4763.

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